## California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Manual

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This California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Manual (hereinafter referred to as "the School Manual") is designed to clarify and enhance school staff participation and provide audit protection for claiming units. The language in the School Manual is based on requirements embedded in the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS's) School-Based Administrative Activities Guide (May 2003, final version). Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), formerly known as Department of Health Services (DHS) will notify Local Educational Consortia (LECs) and Local Governmental Agencies (LGAs) through Policy and Procedure Letters (PPLs) of approved changes/revisions to the School Manual. Each year, DHCS and the LEC/LGA committee will revise the School Manual to update any changes and provide further clarification.

The School Manual will continue to be a work in progress. Suggestions for improvement can be made to your regional LEC/LGA MAA coordinator. For definitions or descriptions of key terms, users may refer to the MAA Glossary in Section 3. For a quick guide to abbreviations and acronyms, users may refer to Appendix B.

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